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IN THE CLAIMS:

1 - 60.(Canceled)

61. (New)

A single game station configured to present multiple independent games simultaneously to each of two players using the game station comprising:

a base unit having an upwardly extending base portion;

a first end and a second end and a first side and a second side, said game station between said first and second ends thereof defining a first single player station at said first side thereof and a second single player station at said second side thereof;

a housing extending upwardly from said base portion at said second end of said game station, said housing having a first side and a second side corresponding to said first and second sides of said game station;

a console extending upwardly from said base portion between said first end of said game station and said housing, said console having a first face facing outwardly at said first side of said game station and a second face facing outwardly at said second side of said game station;

said first single player station comprising:

a first horizontal playing surface extending outwardly from said first side of said game station below said console, said first playing surface sufficiently large to accommodate at least one physical game card, permitting a first player to play at least one game using said game card at said game station;

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a first and a second electronically controlled video display at said first face of said console, said first and second video displays located above said first playing surface;

at least one first game controller adapted to present information regarding at least one first game on said first video display and at least one second game controller adapted to present information regarding at least one second game on said second video display, said first and second games independent of one another and capable of being played at the same or different times; and

at least one first wager accepting device located in said housing and accessible at said first side of said housing, said at least one first wagering accepting device adapted to accept a wager placed by said first player of said game station to play either or both said at least one first game and said at least one second game;
said second single player station comprising:

a second horizontal playing surface extending outwardly from said second side of said game station below said console, said second playing surface sufficiently large to accommodate at least one physical game card, permitting a second player to play at least one game using said game card at said game station;

a third and a fourth electronically controlled video display at said second face of said console, said third and fourth video displays located above said second playing surface;

at least one third game controller adapted to present information regarding a third game on said third video display at least one fourth game controller adapted to present information

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regarding at least one fourth game on said fourth video display, said third and fourth games independent of one another and capable of being played at the same or different times;

at least one second wager accepting device located in said housing and accessible at said second side of said housing, said at least one second wager accepting device adapted to accept a wager placed by said second player of said game station to play either or both said at least one third game and said at least one fourth game;

whereby said game station defines first and second player stations at opposing sides thereof with the console and housing at each of said player stations arranged in inverse relationship and such that a single first player may concurrently play at least one game using a game card on said first playing surface and said first and second games as presented on said first and second displays and such that a single second player may concurrently play at least one game using a game card on said second playing surface and said third and fourth games as presented on said third and fourth displays.

62. (New)

The game station in accordance with Claim 61 wherein said first and second playing surfaces are at least about 14 inches deep to accommodate three bingo cards in depth.

63. (New)

The game station in accordance with Claim 61 including at least a first tuner adapted to accept a video feed and at least one selector for use by said first player in controlling said first tuner to

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present video information on said first or second video display and at least a second tuner adapted to accept a video feed and at least one selector for use by said second player in controlling said second tuner to present video information on said third or fourth video display.

64. (New)

The game station in accordance with Claim 61 wherein said first and second playing surfaces extend outwardly from said upwardly extending base portion by at least about 12 inches to accommodate the legs of the first and second players thereunder.

65. (New)

The game station in accordance with Claim 61 wherein said upwardly extending base portion defines a first vertical surface located under said first playing surface and an opposing second vertical surface located under said second playing surface and said at least one first and second game controllers are mounted to said first vertical surface and said at least one third and fourth game controllers are mounted to said second vertical surface.

66. (New)

The game station in accordance with Claim 61 including a first keypad mounted to said first face of said console between said first and second displays and a second keypad mounted to said second face of said console between said third and fourth displays.

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67. (New)

The game station in accordance with Claim 61 including a first generally transparent cover, said first cover movable between a first raised position in which said first playing surface may be accessed and a second lowered position in which said first cover extends over said first playing surface and a second generally transparent cover, said second cover movable between a first raised position in which said second playing surface may be accessed and a second lowered position in which said second cover extends over said second playing surface.

68. (New)

The game station in accordance with Claim 61 wherein said first and second video displays are arranged in side by side configuration at said first face of said console and third and fourth video displays are arranged in side by side configuration at said second face of said console.

69. (New)

The game station in accordance with Claim 61 wherein said first and second playing surfaces extend outwardly from said base portion about 30 inches above a bottom of said base portion, whereby said first and second playing surfaces are positioned for use by seated players having their legs extending thereunder.